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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Keishi OSAWA, et al.) : Examiner: Sandra L. Brase
Appln. No.: 10/073,395) : Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: February 12, 2002) :
For: DEVELOPING APPARATUS) : January 20, 2004
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Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: